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# San Diego State, WAC, are once again jobbed by NCAA

by Greg Eichelberger

With the Chargers' hopes of post-season play collapsing like an IRA cease-fire agreement, and nothing to look forward to until the Padres play the Mets in April, San Diego fans were anticipating that the SDSU Aztecs would, somehow, be chosen for a bowl game. Even the Holiday Bowl affair, held in their own backyard, seemed well within the realm of possibility.

Reality, however, can be a bitter swig. And so, when the so-called Bowl Alliance chose Penn State (10-2) to play Texas (a team which lost four games, but managed to upset Nebraska for the Big 12 crown) in the Fiesta Bowl, and then picked the Cornhuskers to play Virginia Tech (10-1) in the Orange Bowl, most people who knew anything about sports, almost choked on the dregs.

Meanwhile, Western Athletic Conference (WAC) champion, Brigham Young, with a 13-1 record, and ranked number five in the country, ahead of Penn State, Nebraska and Texas, is out of the national championship picture, and will meet Kansas State (9-2) in a meaningless Cotton Bowl contest.

"This is extremely disappointing," said WAC Commissioner Karl Benson. "The Bowl Alliance system is totally worthless."

BYU's snub also meant the

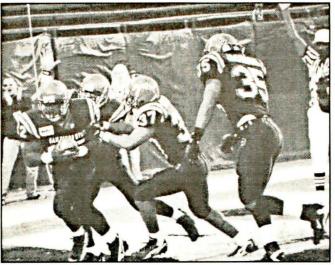
end of any bowl hopes for the Wyoming Cowboys (10-2) and the hometown Aztecs, who, for the second consecutive year, finished with an 8-3 record, but are not going to play until next fall.

Teams with the same or worse season marks going to post-season play include: Nevada-Reno (8-3), Ball State (8-3), California (6-5), Navy (8-3), Houston (7-4), Syracuse (8-3), Miami (8-3), Virginia (7-4), Utah (8-3), Wisconsin (7-5), Clemson (7-4), Iowa (8-3), Texas Tech (7-4), Stanford (6-5), Michigan State (6-5), Auburn (7-4), Michigan (8-3), West Virginia (8-3) and Texas (8-4).

That's 19 teams. Add another nine squads with records the same as, or worse than, Wyoming, and you can see the full scope of the raping the WAC took this year. "It's especially disappointing to know that we let things get away from us with that loss to UNLV," said Aztec coach, Ted Tollner, diplomatically.

"From our standpoint, and that of Wyoming, not being chosen was bad enough. Not to include BYU into the alliance, though, was an outright injustice." Benson echoed that sentiment, especially after reviewing the number of teams that are going to bowl games, while only two from his conference were invited.

"While we haven't done anything legally to upset the post-



SDSU defensive lineman Cameron Chance's fumble recovery in the end zone against Air Force was one of the biggest plays in the biggest game of the season. The Aztecs won, 28-23, but were not invited to the post-season party.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

season, I'm quite anxious to see why these teams, specifically BYU, were disrespected

like this," he snapped.

He did promise, however, to look into the alliance's selection process during the off-season. With the dreams of the 'tecs' first visit to the Holiday Bowl since their loss to Iowa in 1986, up in smoke, the hometown fans, who cheered heartily through major wins over Oklahoma, Wyoming and Air Force, can hardly get excited about Colorado versus Washington (number eight and number 13, respectively).

While media-types will relish the chance to see two highly-ranked teams (Colorado finished second in the Big 12, while Washington was runner-up in the Pac 10) in action, it appears the rabid interest won't be there.

Not for San Diego patrons, who wanted the Aztecs, and not for the two participating schools, both of whom have won national titles within the past six years, and cannot help but to consider this bowl a second-tiered one, at best.

"To play in a game like this against a big-time opponent like

Colorado is huge for us," said Washington coach, Jim Lambright, though no one was buying it. In fact, the last time the Holiday Bowl had any significance was in 1984, when Robbie Bosco and BYU downed Michigan State, 24-17, to wrap up a perfect 13-0 season, and win its only national championship.

"I'm going," said one fan, "to see the (Washington) Huskies. But I would have rather watched the Aztecs." He'll get the chance to see both teams when the Huskies host the Aztecs next September. But that's far from a soothing consolation at this point.

The WAC doesn't get a lot of respect because the East Coast writers think our style of pass-dominated offenses and smaller defensive backs are weaker and more suspect than the powerhouses of the Big 12, SEC, Big Ten and other more affluent, and well-known, conferences.

Be that as it may, the best thing that can happen for this scribbler, is to see the final poll results showing an unbeaten Arizona State (from the PAC 10) perched atop the summit, while the eastern and midwestern schools stew in the juices of their own making. Then, maybe next year, teams from our neck of the woods won't have to resort to finger-wagging and legal challenges to get their points across. But then again, with the NCAA, you never can count on anything.

# Holshouser was pioneer of California League management

by Joe Naiman

When Sally Holshouser ran for the Santee City Council this fall, she noted that she had been the owner and the general manager of a minor league baseball team.

Holshouser was the majority owner of the Redwood Pioneers, the Angels' Class A farm club in the California League, from 1984 to 1985.

Holshouser, the daughter of a civil engineer, grew up in Kansas, moved to Marietta, Georgia, then moved to San Diego with her family in 1979. The family moved to Santee in 1983.

In 1980, Holshouser took a job with the San Diego Padres as an accounts payable clerk, which created her interest in baseball.

Holshouser had never seen a minor league game until 1981. With the Major League players on strike, the Padres and Angels arranged for a pair of games between their California League farm teams to be played in Anaheim and San Diego.

Holshouser, her husband,

and her children saw the Redwood Pioneers play the Reno Silver Sox in San Diego. It was an irony that she would buy the Pioneers three years later.

When she left the Padres at the beginning of the 1983 season, she looked at several teams before purchasing the Redwood team (based in the Sonoma County city of Rohnert Park).

"The deal came to my attention at the very last minute," she said. "The price was right at the time and I thought the franchise held a lot of promise."

Although the real financial growth of the club occurred after she sold the team, Holshouser and a friend purchased the club for \$200,000, as compared to the \$1.75 million paid for the franchise l in 1991, but was above market value in 1984. "At that time \$200,000 was considered astronomical," she said.

Holshouser came up with \$25,000 along with a note for \$125,000 due on sale. Max Holshouser, an engineering analyst who had played collegiate ball at Eastern Illinois, used

the equity in the couple's Santee house. The deal closed near the end of the 1984 season, during which the Pioneers earned a first-place finish.

Holshouser took over the general manager position in 1985. Although the team was described as average, the Pioneers finished in second-place.

Holshouser said that we did remarkably well and the Angels, to this day, are still pleasantly surprised in a big way, adding that is easy to be proud when you've got a team described as average just blowing everybody's doors in.

Off the field events weren't going as well. The San Diego bank from which Holshouser had obtained a line of credit went into receivership, but Holshouser was able to assure that everyone with the club still got paid, which she felt was something of a miracle."

She was unable to finance the team for the 1986 forcing the sale of the team to a group of investors from Palm Springs. She maintained a partial ownership in the Palm Springs Santee's Sally Holshouser Became one ot the earliest female baseball club owners in 1984 by purchasing the Redwod Pioneers minor league team.



Angels for the 1986 season.

Although Holshouser has not worked in baseball since selling the team, the family was hooked. Her son, Bill, now 26 and a police officer, was 14 at the time and traveled with the team in 1985. He played baseball for Santana High School and in junior college.

Altogether Holshouser's baseball life spanned seven years. The intensity of the position kept Holshouser from seeking another general manager slot. "I can't even believe the hours I put in, seven days a week when the team was in town," she noted, "often 18 to 20 hours a day."

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Dec. 1-5, 1996

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1993 taxable sales: \$1.47 million Libraries: Post offices: Parks Recreation centers

## Member



## **B** Words

by Bob Burns

Can we afford history?

I must preface this with the declaration that I love old things. I love antiques and anything that brings pleasant memories to mind. Old castles and old houses are treasures and should be preserved, where at all possible.

The Lee House is historic and its architecture of the past is an example of what heritage preservation is all about.

However, going back a few years, there was a survey done in our town to find historic buildings, and about 20 were located. The owners were informed that their properties were eligible to be listed as historical and that they would be honored by having a plaque in the front yard to prove it. Everyone was delighted, until the facts came out that there were certain rules of responsibility that went along with the designation. "Whoa up here" was the response by most of these "privileged" property owners.

It seems that the designation and registration would require that the buildings be retained in original condition in perpetuity. No remodels, alterations, modernizations or new liberties would be allowed in maintaining the buildings. This had to do with moldings, door knobs, gingerbread or other historic patterns that would change the original configuration of the building. These rules would certainly have much to do with future sale of property, or much of any change to quit the comfort or personality of the owners. The honor of being historic was in fact a millstone that eliminated much of the pleasure of owning such a treasure.

Heritage Park down in Old town is a fine example of what money and commitment can do to preserve historic buildings. I do not know how much money is involved in producing and maintaining that park, but I am sure it is substantial. My question is, "Is this something that a small city like Lemon Grove can afford?" Is the money needed to bring the building up to code and maintain a luxury that is inconsistent with the more urgent needs in the community? Even if Caltrans does move the house to Olive Street, and provide the foundation and utilities, will the future commitment be a good deal? If it is relocated and rehabbed, what can it be used for, being a historic building?

Personally, I would hope that the City Council will consider all aspects of such a project. Consider saving Caltrans money by not having them move the Lee house. That money could speed the completion of the freeway. Consider scaling down the whole concept to fixing up the Atherton Chapel, restoring the administration building to a vital and useful community center and paving over the parking areas on both sides of Church Street. A gathering place of modest design would round out the city-owned land along Main Street into a place to be proud of.

It truly does sadden me to contemplate the loss of historic things, but it would seem also imprudent to spend funds so sorely needed in other services in the city. We need more police, more firemen, more street repair and more recreation, more business promotion, more school support and, most probably, other things that I have not thought of.

We save old magazines, furniture and knickknacks that we have accumulated over the years. There is a time to let go, and we all must face it. Maybe we should just say a eulogy over the Lee House, as we have had to do in other instances, and say "time marches on." The Atherton Chapel is not constricted by "historic" rules, having been relocated and remodeled over the years. It can be a fine place for the Historical Society, and it won't cost an arm and a leg. It would seem the right thing to do.

## In the Service

Marine Pfc. Christopher D. Becker, son of Thomas D. Becker of Lemon Grove, recently reported for duty with 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battairon, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Becker's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriane Sea near Boxua, people like Becker are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most bighty technical naval torce in history

The 199] graduate of Monte Visl. High School of Spring Valley. inned the Marine Corps in February 1999

# Community Notes

IRS refunds await taxpayers

Over 3,000 Southern Californians could have a total of over 52 milhon in tax refunds waiting for them at the IRS

Every year the post office returns thousands of tax refund checks to us," said Tom Palmer, Acting Director of the IRS Southern California District. "A simple phone call could locate retunds from as little as \$1

Taxpayers who think they did not receive their refund checks may call the IRS, toll-free, at 1-800-829-1040. Most of these checks were returned because the address on the tax return was not legible, or the taxpayer moved and did not leave a forwarding address

"Checks can also be lost or stolen." Palmer said "Taxpayers can avoid these problems in the future by electing to have their refunds deposited directly to their bank accounts

Over 4,000 taxpayers in the entire state of California have unclaimed 1995 refund checks totaling almost \$3 million.

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# Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



It's that time of the week again for you to get a quick sports fix. And, for those of you who are as sick of water polo photos as I am, you've certainly come to the right venue. There'll be none of that on my watch.

Congratulations to Jill Sonne, a sophomore at Grossmont High School, for being named one of the "Athletes of the week" in the Union-Tribune. She was awarded this honor for scoring in double digits in each of the first five Foothillers' contests, including a sizzling 41-point performance against Sweetwater, and 30 more against Patrick Henry. She is in her second varsity season and is averaging over 25 points per game. Another local athlete, Trever Burdick, of the El Capitan football team, was also featured in that paper, as his grandfather, the owner of Burdick's Sewing & Vacuum, took out an ad praising him and the entire Vaquero squad.

Feel you're either too short, too slow, too fat or too uncoordinated to play team basketball? Does dribbling apply only when you eat? Is a slam-dunk something you do only at your favorite doughnut shop? Well, fear not, because help is on the way. Beginning Jan. 29, Hoops Unlimited with be developing teams for those 6'-4" and under, no matter what the ability level, to play five-on-five men's winter league ball in El Cajon. So you may not be a Wilt Chamberlain, or even a Neville Chamberlain, don't let that stop you from having fun with the guys. Just call 1-800-834-2829, if you're interested in putting a squad together.

Last season, Bob Tewkbury's 10 wins helped the Padres claim the National League West crown. In fact, he pitched seven shutout innings in the clinching game against L.A., but was long gone before the winning run scored. This week, due to the complexity of free agency and other more mundane idiosyncrasies, he is now a member of the lowly Minnesota Twins. Good luck, Tewk, and with the American League's ERA as high as the national debt, you're gonna need it.

Speaking of baseball, Major League stars such as Eric Karros (Dodgers); Jack McDowell, Brian Giles and Charles Nagy (Indians); Tony Clark (Tigers) and rookie prospect, Tom Fordham (White Sox), will be coming to El Capitan High School to help conduct three instructional clinics. The first will be held from Dec. 26 - 28, and is open to kids from 6 to 18. The cost is only \$89. Further details can be obtained by contacting Vaquero coach, Steve Vickery at 443-1081. For applications, call 443-9652 or 669-6316.

Kudos to former Grossmont High and UC-Santa Barbara outfielder, Wynter Phoenix, who signed a minor league contract with the Dodgers. He was also approached by the Seattle Mariners and the San Francisco Giants.

The final results are in, and they show that despite the humiliating loss (to El Camino, 35-34) in the Simple Green Bowl, the Grossmont College Griffins (9-2) finished the year ranked #17 in the nation among junior college teams.. QB Akili Smith was named the top player in the county, as well as the team MVP, an honor he shared with WR Donald Haynes; free safety Todd Hovey was named as a JC Grid-Wire Scholar/Athlete award winner; and tackle Rickey Leung-Wai was named most valuable defensive player.

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# East County off-roaders score awards

by Joe Naiman

The SCORE (Short Course Off Road Enterprises) banquet was held at the Town and Country Hotel Dec. 7, and several East County drivers and companies were recognized for their performance and work during the 1996 off-road racing season.

For the second straight year, Jimco Racing Products, located in Santee and owned by El Cajon's Mike Julson, took the Off-Roadsman award for Buggy Chassis Manufacturer. Unlike the driver awards, which are known following the last race of the season, the Off-Roadsmen awards are determined by a vote of SCORE members, contingency sponsors and automotive journalists, and are not revealed until the banquet.

Santee's John Gonzales had the top Sportsman (amateur) performance in Class 21 (motorcycles between 126 and 250

## Toye named top player

by Joe Naiman

Grossmont College's Liz Toye was named the Pacific Coast Conference's Athlete of the Year for women's soccer.

The vote, taken at the PCC coaches meeting on Dec. 9, sealed a season in which she led the conference in both goals and assists, scoring 18 each, in the Griffins' 21-game season. Earlier, Toye had received first-team junior college All-American honors.

"She's been a great player for two years," said Grossmont coach Howard Hawver. "She's our most valuable player and she's helped tremendously in the last two years to build our program.

Five other Griffins joined Toye on the all-PCC women's team. They were forward Christina Lofhouse, who was second in the conference with 17 goals and added four assists, midfielder Sherry Kerr, whose 10 assists tied for secmidfielders Becky Kiesz and

three players on the all-PCC women's team. Leila Vejar, whose 14 goals placed her third in the league, was joined by fullback Jossalvnn Davidson and goalie Kathy Bailey.

The men's team at Cuyamaca College placed four players on the all-PCC squad including freshman midfielder Luis Sanchez, a PCC athlete of the week. Other Covotes earnsweeper Shane Edmonston, freshman forward Temoc Uribe and sophomore midfielder Robert Torres.



Mike Julson

cc) for the seven-race season.

El Cajon's Jim Dizney, who finished second among the Class 1/2-1600 (single or twoseat vehicles limited to 1600 cc engines) drivers, also won \$4,000 in taking home the Toyota True Grit Award, which is offered to the driver with the fastest cumulative speed in their class. Dizney was one of three drivers to earn a True Grit award this year and one of only 11 to earn the Toyota Milestone Award, given to any

SCORE competitor who finished all of the 2,664.2 miles in the seven 1996 events.

A total of 382 drivers participated in SCORE series events this year

Dizney finished three points behind class winner Don Lampus jr. Alpine's Michael James also took second place for the season, finishing six points behind Neal Grabowski in the Class 5 (unlimited Baja Bugs) competition.

Alpine's Ivan Stewart and Lemon Grove's Marty Coyne finished seventh and 12th, respectively, in the Trophy Truck (unlimited production bodied vehicles) standings. Stewart had won the Trophy Truck standings last year, but vehicle problems and the performance of 1996 winner Robbie Gordon kept the Grossmont High School graduate from winning another title.

The SCORE series is comprised of the Parker 400, the Tecate San Felipe 250, the Las Vegas/Primm 300, the Tecate Baja 500, the Fireworks 250 (Barstow), the Laughlin Desert Challenge and the Tecate Baja





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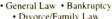
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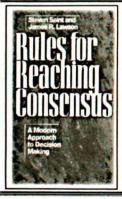
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